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CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF PLASTICS ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned assistance of Rs.80 crores to Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) during the tenth Five Year Plan under externally aided projects;

(b) if so, whether there was a proposal of loan of US$ 13.67 million, which could not be finalised;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to obtain said loan for CIPET?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) Yes, Sir, In the plan, under Externally Aided Projects Rs. 80 crore investment was to be funded by OPEC Loan of US$15 million and US$1.67 million as counterpart funding from the Government of India.

(b) to (d) CIPET had sought this amount as grant from OPEC which was not agreed to by OPEC. Hence the project size was reduced to US$13.67 million (Rs.61.52crore) comprising US$12.30 as OPEC loan and US$1.37 million as plan assistance. The loan agreement could not be finalized due to certain conditions in the draft loan agreement sent by OPEC. The matter of these loan conditions has been taken up with the Deptt. of Legal Affairs, in order to finalise the loan agreement.